

NEWSLETTER APRIL 2012



Dear Client,

Johne's Disease

Johne's disease is an incurable disease, causing wasting and scour. It has become widespread, causing big losses in both dairy and beef herds.

Most Johne's animals are infected in the first month of life, but no signs are seen until adulthood.

Calves are infected by carrier cows via faeces, colostrum, contaminated water, or in womb.

To control: (1) **Protect young calves from exposure**
Dairy: separate from dam at birth
bucket rear with artificial or uninfected colostrum
house away from other stock

Beef: avoid or raise low food and water troughs

(2) **Suspect Cases**
Isolate ASAP and phone vets for blood test
If positive – cull immediately, don't breed from any of its calves

Good Husbandry Points

1. Monitor herd either by blood or milk sampling and consider joining a health scheme
2. Cull positives immediately
3. Don't breed from daughters
4. Snatch calves as soon as born before contact with bedding or dams teats from suspect cases and do not use suspect dams colostrum
5. No sharing of colostrum or antibiotic milk fed breeding heifers or breeding bulls
6. Clean drinking water – not from streams or ponds
7. Don't graze fields which have had slurry or farmyard manure spread on them in the last twelve months
8. House and calve known infected cows separately from "clean" calving cows and calves

Scabivax

Vaccine Availability

We have a full supply of Scabivax ® at present.

The manufacturer, MSD expect to have plenty available for this season.



We support Pfizer in their extension of the Surecalf initiative to Sure Calf Spring.

To qualify you register calves correctly vaccinated in the autumn with Rispoval 4 and given either intranasal or intramuscular IBR vaccination prior to the sale. See www.surecalf.co.uk or telephone 08006 681 886

EASTER OFFICE HOURS

The Office will be **Closed on Good Friday** (6th April)

Open from 08:00 until 12:30 on Saturday 7th April

Closed Easter Sunday (8th April)

Closed Easter Monday (9th April)



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